

State of New York
County of Fulton
Town of Stratford

Minutes of the regular Stratford Town Board meeting held on Thursday, February 10, 2022 at the municipal building located at 120 Piseco Rd.

Present:

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| Richard Fogarty | Supervisor |
| Lorraine Rumrill | Councilwoman |
| Tiffany Rutkowski | Councilwoman |
| Scott Seeley | Councilman |
| Todd Vedder | Councilman |
| Patricia Dineen | Town Clerk |
| Mark Rose | Town Attorney |
| Lawrence Staring | Highway Superintendent |
| Robert Knapp | Codes Enforcement Officer |
| Karen Jaquay | Dog Control Officer |
| Michael Sokira | BTI Director |
| Moira Marshall | Town Historian |

Absent:

David Galarneau

Residents in attendance: Twelve

Supervisor Richard Fogarty called the regular meeting to order at 6:32 PM with the Pledge of allegiance to the Flag.

Supervisor Richard Fogarty asked if anyone in attendance would like to speak. Nobody wished to discuss anything so the meeting continued.

CORRESPONDENCE: Richard Fogarty received the 2021 State Tax comparison report which a copy was given to board members to be reviewed and discussed at the March meeting.

DEPARTMENT HEAD REPORTS:

HIGHWAY DEPT: The Superintendent Larry Staring stated in his report that he has been in the business of dealing with snow and ice removal most of his adult life. If anyone would like an explanation of why things are done as they are, they are welcome to contact him but not during a snow and ice event.

The town crew has been making some minor improvements to the office and garage area during their down time. There was ice forming on the office walls which was causing a heating problem. They replaced a rotten window, added insulation and some sheet rock to correct the issues. The next project will be to improve the break area. These repairs are being done by the workers themselves to improve their work environment.

As for the equipment, other than the radiator in the Mack, there were some minor breakdowns, hydraulic line on the loader and some air lines on the trucks. The radiator replacement bill was \$2822.42 after Mack contributed \$3,500 in what they refer to as goodwill money to the repair.

FEMA calls continue. Larry has a preliminary cost estimate for the Voorhees Road of \$390,384.75. This will be a large project and as such will be paid based on actual cost.

Larry Staring asked for an update on what if any repairs will be done on the Hawes Rd Bridge and the Windfall Creek Culvert which were damaged in the flood of October 2020. After discussion about the bridges not really needing extensive repairs the question was brought up to look into legality of using the remainder of the funds on another project; possibly another vehicle. Discussion was tabled until March meeting to look into our options.

Supervisor Richard Fogarty asked for a motion to get culverts on order due to the backup in shipping and filling orders.

MOTION was made by Councilman Scott Seeley and seconded by Councilwoman Lorraine Rumrill to allow Superintendent Larry Staring to place an order for the necessary culverts needed.

All in favor.

DOG CONTROL OFFICER: Karen Jaquay reported that she issued 2 appearance tickets for failure to license and both appeared and paid their fine.

She also met with Debra Toth for the Ag & Market inspection. Karen was pleased to inform that we passed our inspection..

BTI DIRECTOR: Michael Sokira reported that no progress has been made on ordering Vecto-Bac 12as. Adapco was asked if they will deliver partial content totes. He was told that they are working on getting 2.5 gallon jugs.

Mike will be sending out the annual letters to the new Stratford land owners as soon as he receives the 2021 list from the Assessor.

CODES ENFORCER: Robert Knapp reported that he has completed the first 36 hours of online training for codes enforcement certification. He has been going through existing open files and taking calls about obtaining building permits. He also has a framing inspection for a new house construction.

JUSTICE: Judge Rissmeyer submitted a copy of his monthly report to the State Comptroller's office.

TOWN HISTORIAN: Moira Marshall will be working with Supervisor Richard Fogarty and other members of the Historical Society to sort through the old records upstairs and organize the area so historical documents can be preserved properly.

TOWN CLERK: Patricia Dineen gave the clerks report for the month of January 2022. State, County and Local revenue was \$835.00 of which \$12 went to NYS Ag & Markets for the spay and neuter program leaving \$823.00 for local revenue.

SUPERVISOR: Supervisor Richard Fogarty gave a monthly board report, monthly Financial report and bank statements to be viewed. Fourth quarter sales tax 2021 received was \$89,796.

AUDIT OF CLAIMS:

Motion was made by Councilwoman Lorraine Rumrill, and seconded by Councilman Scott Seeley to approve the payment of bills as follows;

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| February 2022 - General Fund | Vouchers #24-33 | TOTALING \$9,746.45 |
| February 2022 – Highway Fund | Vouchers #19-38 | TOTALING \$33,648.23 |
| February 2022 – Prepay Fund | Vouchers #1-19 | TOTALING \$11,000.93 |

ADOPTED AYES-5 Fogarty, Rumrill, Rutkowski, Seeley, Vedder
 NAYES-0

RESOLUTION #16 - Resolution for the auditing of the yearly reports for the Town Justice & Town Clerk for 2021.

BE IT RESOLVED Stratford Town Board consisting of Richard Fogarty, Scott Seeley, Lorraine Rumrill examined the Stratford Town Judges and Town Clerks records from January 1-December 31, 2021. The documents were found to be in order

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that a copy of this resolution will be available for public review at the Town Clerk's Office during regular business hours.

Motion made by: Tiffany Rutkowski
Second made by: Todd Vedder

All in Favor: 5
Opposed: 0

Carried

NEW BUSINESS: Supervisor Richard Fogarty discussed the Town Hall Rentals.

Motion was made by Tiffany Rutkowski and seconded by Todd Vedder to increase the price of rental to \$100 plus a \$25 refundable deposit while keeping the maximum at 60 persons.

ADOPTED AYES-5
 NAYES-0

Supervisor Fogarty suggested that the Board of Assessment Review be increased from 3 to 5 members. He suggested that Brenda Minso and Henry Eifert be added to the Board of Assessment review. A vote will be done at the March meeting.

With no further business a motion was made to adjourn the meeting by Councilwoman Tiffany Rutkowski and seconded by Councilman Scott Seeley.

All in favor

The meeting was adjourned at 7:55 pm

Respectfully Submitted,

Patricia Dineen, Town Clerk